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## **DEFINITIONS**

**Contract:** The agreement to perform the services set forth in a document signed by both parties with any attachments specifically incorporated.

**Contractor:** The Vendor to whom award has been made.

**County:** Lake County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

**Department:** State of Florida Department of Transportation

**Lake County:** Lake County Board of County Commissioners

**LCWA:** Lake County Water Authority, a dependent special taxing district of Lake County, Florida

**Proposal:** Any offer submitted in response to a solicitation.

**Solicitation:** The written document requesting bids, quotes, or proposals from the marketplace.

**Vendor:** Any entity responding to a solicitation or performing under any resulting contract.

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS**

- A. **Vendor Qualification:** The LCWA requires Vendors provide evidence of compliance with the requirements below upon request:
1. Disclosure of Employment.
  2. Disclosure of Ownership.
  3. Drug-Free Workplace.
  4. W-9 and 8109 Forms – as required by the Internal Revenue Service.
  5. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
  6. Conflict of Interest.
  7. Debarment Disclosure Affidavit.
  8. Compliance with Section 288.0071, Florida Statutes, Economic Incentives to Foreign Entities of Concern.
  9. Nondiscrimination.
  10. Family Leave.
  11. Antitrust Laws – By acceptance of any contract, the Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable antitrust laws.
- B. **Public Entity Crimes:** Pursuant to Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction of a public entity crime may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or contractor under a contract with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for Category Two for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
- C. **Contents of Solicitation and Vendors' Responsibilities:** The Vendor shall be thoroughly familiar with the requirements of this solicitation. Ignorance of these matters by the Vendor will not be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the LCWA, or the compensation to be paid.
- E. **Restricted Discussions:** From the date of solicitation issuance until final LCWA action, Vendors will

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not discuss any part of the solicitation with any employee, agent, or other representative of the LCWA or Lake County except as expressly authorized by the designated procurement representative. The only communications that will be considered pertinent to a solicitation are appropriately signed written documents from the Vendor to the designated procurement representative and any relevant written document promulgated by the designated procurement representative.

F. **Changes to Proposal:** Prior to the scheduled due date, a Vendor may change its Proposal by submitting a new proposal with a letter on the firm's letterhead, signed by an authorized agent stating that the new submittal replaces the original. The new submittal must contain the letter and all information as required in the solicitation.

G. **Withdrawal of Proposal:** A Proposal will be irrevocable unless it is withdrawn as provided in a solicitation. A Proposal may be withdrawn, either physically or by written notice, at any time prior to solicitation award. If withdrawn by written notice, that notice must be addressed to, and received

by, the designated procurement representative. The letter must be on company letterhead and signed by an authorized agent of the Vendor.

H. **Conflicts within the Solicitation:** Where there appears to be a conflict between the General Terms and Conditions, Special Conditions, the Technical Specifications, the Pricing Section, or any addendum issued, the order of precedence will be: the last addendum issued, the Proposal Price Section, the Technical Specifications, the Special Conditions, and then the General Terms and Conditions. It is incumbent upon the Vendor to identify such conflicts to the designated procurement representative prior to the Proposal due date.

I. **Prompt Payment Terms:** Payment for all purchases by LCWA will be made in a timely manner and interest payments will be made on late payments in accordance with Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes, known as the Florida Prompt Payment Act. The Vendor may offer cash discounts for prompt payments; however, such discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest price during Proposal evaluation.

J. **Improper Payment Requests and Invoice Disputes:** Improper payment requests or invoices submitted by the CONTRACTOR shall be resolved as provided for in the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Section 218.76, Florida Statutes.

### **PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS**

A. Any Vendor assisting in the development of a scope of work or services will not be allowed to participate in any solicitation.

B. The pricing section of a solicitation defines requirements of items to be purchased and must be completed and submitted with the Proposal. Use of any other form or alteration of the form may result in rejection of the Proposal.

C. The Proposal submitted must be legible. Vendors shall type or use an ink to complete the Proposal. All changes must be crossed out and initialed in ink. Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the bid to be rejected.

D. An authorized agent of the Vendor's firm must sign the Proposal. The LCWA may reject any Proposal not signed by an authorized agent.

E. The Vendor may submit alternate Proposals for the same solicitation provided that such offer is allowable under the terms and conditions. The alternate Proposal must meet or exceed the minimum requirements and be submitted as a separate Proposal marked "Alternate Proposal."

F. When there is a discrepancy between the unit prices and any extended prices, the unit prices will prevail. The LCWA reserves the right to allow for clarification of questionable entries and the

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correction of obvious mistakes.

- G. Any Proposal received after the designated receipt date will be considered late and will not be considered for award.
- H. A person or an affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator vendor list following a conviction or being held civilly liable for an antitrust violation may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for any new contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for a new contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on new leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a new contract with a public entity; and may not transact new business with a public entity.

### **COLLUSION**

Where two (2) or more related parties each submit a Proposal for the same contract, such Proposals will be presumed to be collusive. Furthermore, any prior understanding, agreement, or connection between two (2) or more corporations, firms, or persons submitting a Proposal for the same materials, supplies, services, or equipment will also be presumed to be collusive. Proposals found to be collusive will be rejected. Vendors which have been found to have engaged in collusion may be considered non-responsible and may be suspended or debarred. Any contract resulting from collusive bidding may be terminated for default.

### **PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

The Vendor warrants that they have not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Vendor to solicit or secure the Contract and that they have not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Vendor, any consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Contract.

### **CONTRACTING WITH LCWA EMPLOYEES**

Any LCWA employee or immediate family member seeking to contract with the LCWA shall seek a conflict of interest opinion from the LCWA Attorney prior to submittal of a Proposal. The affected employee shall disclose the employee's assigned function within the LCWA and interest or the interest of his or her immediate family in the proposed contract and the nature of the intended contract.

### **INCURRED EXPENSES**

A solicitation does not commit the LCWA to make an award nor will the LCWA be responsible for any cost or expense which may be incurred by any Vendor in preparing and submitting a Proposal, or any cost or expense incurred by any Vendor prior to the execution of a purchase order or contract.

### **AWARD**

- A. The Contract resulting from a solicitation may be awarded to the responsible Vendor which submits a Proposal determined to provide the best value to the LCWA with price, technical, and other applicable factors considered. The LCWA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, to waive irregularities or technicalities, and to re-advertise for all or any part of this solicitation as deemed in its best interest. The LCWA will be the sole judge of its best interest.
- B. When there are multiple line items in a solicitation, the LCWA reserves the right to award on an individual item basis, any combination of items, total low bid, or in whichever manner deemed in the best interest of the LCWA. This provision specifically supersedes any method of award criteria stated in the solicitation when such action is necessary to protect the best interests of the LCWA.
- C. The County reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals if it is determined that prices are excessive or determined to be unreasonable, or it is otherwise determined to be in the LCWA's best

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interest to do so.

- D. The LCWA reserves the right to reject offers containing terms or conditions contradictory to the LCWA's.
- E. Award of a solicitation will be made to firms satisfying all necessary legal requirements to do business with the LCWA. The LCWA may conduct a pre-award inspection of the Vendor's site or hold a pre-award qualification hearing to determine if the Vendor can perform the requirements of a solicitation.
- F. The Vendor's performance as a Contractor or subcontractor on previous LCWA contracts will be considered in evaluating the responsibility of the Vendor.
- G. Any tie situations will be resolved in consonance with current written LCWA procedure.
- H. Award of the contract resulting from this solicitation may be predicated on compliance with and submittal of all required documents as stipulated in the solicitation.
- I. A Vendor wishing to protest any award decision resulting from a solicitation may do so per the [Lake County Protest Procedures](#).

### **GRANT FUNDING**

In the event any part of a Contract is to be funded by federal, state, or other local agency monies, the Vendor hereby agrees to comply with all requirements of the funding entity applicable to the use of the monies, including full application of requirements involving the use of minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. Contractors are advised that payments under the Contract may be withheld pending completion and submission of all required forms and documents required of the Contractor pursuant to the grant funding requirements.

### **STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

Any entity conducting business in Florida shall either be registered or have applied for registration with the Florida Department of State in accordance with Florida law, unless exempt from registration. A copy of the registration may be required prior to award of a Contract. Additional information is available by visiting the [Florida Department of State home page](#).

### **PRIME CONTRACTOR**

The Vendor awarded a Contract shall act as the Prime Contractor and will assume full responsibility for the successful performance under the Contract. The Awarded Vendor (Contractor) will be considered the sole point of contact regarding meeting all requirements of the Contract. All subcontractors may be subject to advance review by the LCWA regarding competency and security concerns. No change in subcontractors may be made without the consent of the LCWA after the award of the Contract. Contractor will be responsible for all insurance, permits, licenses, and related matters for any and all subcontractors. LCWA may require the Contractor to provide any insurance certificates required by the work to be performed even if the subcontractor is self-insured.

### **SUBCONTRACTING**

Unless otherwise stipulated in a solicitation, the Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the work without the prior written consent of the LCWA. Subcontracting without the prior consent of the LCWA may result in termination of the Contract for default.

### **DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES**

The LCWA has adopted policies which assure and encourage the full participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in the provision of goods and services. The LCWA encourages joint ventures between majority-owned firms and qualified disadvantaged/minority/women-owned firms.

### **GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS**

The Contract will be binding upon and will inure to the benefit of each of the parties and respective

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successors and permitted assigns. The Contract may not be amended, released, discharged, rescinded or abandoned, except by a written instrument duly executed by the parties. The failure of any party at any time to enforce any of the provisions of the Contract will in no way constitute or be construed as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision of the Contract, nor in any way affect the validity of, or the right to enforce, each and every provision of the Contract. Any dispute arising during Contract performance that is not readily rectified by coordination between the Contractor and the LCWA user department will be referred to Procurement Services.

### **GOVERNING LAW, VENUE, AND WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL**

Any contract will be made under, and in all respects shall be interpreted, construed, and governed by and in accordance with, the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any legal action shall lie in Lake County, Florida. THE CONTRACTOR, KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY, HEREBY WAIVES ANY RIGHT THEY MAY HAVE TO A JURY TRIAL IN ANY CIVIL LITIGATION MATTER ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.

### **COMPLIANCE OF LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND LICENSES**

The Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to provision of the goods or services specified in a solicitation. During the term of a Contract, the Contractor assures that it is in compliance with Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, as amended, and the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, in that the Contractor does not on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or marital status, discriminate in any form or manner against its employees or applicants for employment. The Contractor understands that any Contract is conditioned upon the veracity of this statement.

### **CONTRACT EXTENSION**

The LCWA has the unilateral option to extend a Contract for up to ninety (90) calendar days beyond the current Contract period. In such event, the LCWA will notify the Contractor in writing of such extensions. The Contract may be extended beyond the initial ninety (90) day extension upon mutual agreement between the LCWA and the Contractor. Exercise of the above options requires the prior approval of the Procurement Services Director.

### **MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT**

Any Contract resulting from a solicitation may be modified by mutual consent of duly authorized parties, in writing through the issuance of a modification to the Contract or purchase order as appropriate. This presumes the modification itself complies with all applicable LCWA procedures.

### **ASSIGNMENT**

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any Contract resulting from a solicitation, including any rights, title or interest in the Contract, or its power to execute such Contract to any entity without the prior written consent of the LCWA. The Contractor shall notify the LCWA thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the assignment and complete all necessary paperwork. This provision includes any acquisition or hostile takeover of the Contractor. Failure to submit a timely notification of an assignment to the LCWA may result in a material breach of the contract and termination by the LCWA or assessment of a processing fee.

### **NON-EXCLUSIVITY**

It is the intent of the LCWA to enter into an agreement that will satisfy its needs as described within a solicitation. However, the LCWA reserves the right to perform, or cause to be performed, all or any of the work and services described in a solicitation in the manner deemed to represent its best interests. In no case will the LCWA be liable for billings in excess of the quantity of goods or services provided under the Contract.

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### **OTHER AGENCIES**

Other governmental agencies may make purchases in accordance with the Contract with Contractor consent. Purchases are governed by the Contract's terms and conditions except for the change in agency name. Each agency will be responsible and liable for its own purchases for materials or services received.

### **CONTINUATION OF WORK**

Any work that commences prior to, and will extend, beyond the expiration date of any Contract period must, unless terminated by mutual written agreement between the LCWA and the Contractor, continue until completion without change to the then current prices, terms and conditions.

### **WARRANTY**

All warranties express and implied, must be made available to the LCWA for goods and services covered by a solicitation. All goods furnished must be fully guaranteed by the Contractor against factory defects and workmanship. They will be covered by the most favorable commercial warranty given for comparable quantities of products or services and the rights and remedies provided in the Contract will be in addition to the warranty and do not limit any right afforded to the LCWA by any other provision of a solicitation. Contractor shall correct any and all apparent and latent defects that may occur within the manufacturer's standard warranty period at no expense to the LCWA. The special conditions of a solicitation may supersede the manufacturer's standard warranty.

### **DEFICIENCIES IN WORK TO BE CORRECTED BY THE CONTRACTOR**

Contractor shall promptly correct all apparent and latent deficiencies or defects in work, or any work that fails to conform to the Contract documents regardless of project completion status. All corrections must be made within seven (7) calendar days after such rejected defects, deficiencies, or non-conformances are verbally reported to the Contractor by the LCWA's project administrator. Contractor must bear all costs of correcting such rejected work. If the Contractor fails to correct the work within the period specified, the LCWA may, at its discretion, notify the Contractor, in writing, that the Contractor is subject to contractual default provisions if the corrections are not completed to the satisfaction of the LCWA within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the notice. If the Contractor fails to correct the work within the period specified in the notice, the LCWA may place the Contractor in default, obtain the services of another Contractor to correct the deficiencies, and charge the incumbent Contractor for these costs, either through a deduction from the final payment owed to the Contractor or through invoicing. If the Contractor fails to honor this invoice or credit memo, the LCWA may terminate the contract for default.

### **LCWA IS TAX-EXEMPT**

When purchasing on a direct basis, the LCWA is generally exempt from Federal Excise Taxes and all State of Florida sales and use taxes (85-8012646344C-7). Except for items specifically identified by the Contractor and accepted by the LCWA for direct LCWA purchase under the Sales Tax Recovery Program, Contractors doing business with the LCWA are not exempt from paying sales tax to their suppliers for materials to fulfill contractual obligations with the LCWA, nor will any Contractor be authorized to use any of the LCWA's Tax Exemptions in securing such materials.

### **SHIPPING TERMS, F.O.B. DESTINATION**

The F.O.B. point for any product ordered will be F.O.B.: DESTINATION – Inside Delivery, FREIGHT ALLOWED. The LCWA will not consider any Proposal showing a F.O.B. point other than F.O.B.: Destination – Inside Delivery.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF GOODS OR SERVICES**

The products delivered as a result of a solicitation will remain the property of the Contractor, and services rendered under the Contract will not be deemed complete, until a physical inspection and actual usage of the products or services is accepted by the LCWA and is in compliance with the terms in the contract.

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Any goods or services purchased as a result of a solicitation or Contract may be tested/inspected for compliance with specifications. In the event that any aspect of the goods or services provided is found to be defective or does not conform to the specifications, the LCWA reserves the right to terminate the Contract or initiate corrective action on the part of the Contractor, to include return of any non-compliant goods to the Contractor at the Contractor's expense, requiring the Contractor to either provide a direct replacement for the item, or a full credit for the returned item. The Contractor shall not assess any additional charges for any conforming action taken by the LCWA under this clause. The LCWA will not be responsible to pay for any product or service that does not conform to the Contract specifications.

In addition, any defective product or service or any product or service not delivered or performed by the date specified in a purchase order or Contract, may be procured by the LCWA on the open market, and any increase in cost may be charged against the Contractor. Any cost incurred by the LCWA in any re-procurement plus any increased product or service cost will be withheld from any monies owed to the Contractor by the LCWA for any Contract or financial obligation.

### **ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

Estimated quantities or dollars are for the Vendor's guidance only and may be used in the award evaluation process. No guarantee is expressed or implied as to quantities or dollar value that will be used during the Contract period. The LCWA is not obligated to place any order for a given amount subsequent to the award of a solicitation. In no event will the LCWA be liable for payments in excess of the amount due for quantities of goods or services actually ordered.

### **PURCHASE OF OTHER ITEMS**

While the LCWA has listed all major items within a solicitation, there may be ancillary or similar items purchased by the LCWA during the term of a Contract. The Contractor will provide a price quote for the ancillary items. The LCWA may request price quotes from all Contractors under Contract if there are multiple Contracts. The LCWA reserves the right to award these ancillary items to the primary Contractor, another Contract Contractor based on the lowest price quoted, or to acquire the items through a separate solicitation.

Although a Contract may identify specific locations to be serviced, it is hereby agreed and understood that any LCWA department or facility may be added or deleted to the Contract at the option of the LCWA. The location change will be addressed by formal Contract modification. The LCWA may obtain price quotes for the additional facilities from other Vendors if fair and reasonable pricing is not obtained from the Contractor, or for other reasons at the LCWA's discretion. It is hereby agreed and understood that the LCWA may delete service locations when such service is no longer required, upon fourteen (14) calendar days' written notice to the Contractor.

### **SAFETY**

The Contractor will be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the work and for complying with all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Act (OSHA). The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to persons or property.

The Contractor shall provide all standard equipment, work operations, safety equipment, personal protective equipment, and lighting required or mandated by State, Federal, OSHA, or Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) regulations.

The Contractor shall designate a competent person of its organization whose duty will be the prevention of accidents at the site. This person must be literate and able to communicate fully in the English language because of the necessity to read job instructions and signs, as well as the need for conversing with LCWA personnel. This person must be the Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by the Contractor to the Contract Manager.



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### **SAFETY DATA SHEETS (SDS)**

The Contractor is responsible to ensure the LCWA has received the latest version of any SDS required by 29 C.F.R. Section 1910.1200 with the first shipment of any hazardous material. The Contractor shall promptly provide a new SDS to the LCWA with the new information relevant to the specific material at any time the content of an SDS is revised.

### **TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

Tobacco use, including both smoke and smokeless tobacco, is prohibited on LCWA owned property.

### **CLEAN-UP**

If applicable, all unusable materials and debris must be removed from the premises at the end of each workday and disposed of in an appropriate manner. The Contractor shall thoroughly clean up all areas where work has been involved as mutually agreed with the associated user department's project manager upon final completion.

### **PROTECTION OF PROPERTY**

All existing structures, utilities, services, roads, trees, shrubbery, and property in which the LCWA has an interest must always be protected against damage or interrupted services by the Contractor during the term of a Contract. The Contractor will be held responsible for repairing or replacing property to the satisfaction of the LCWA which is damaged by reason of the Contractor's operation on the property. In the event the Contractor fails to comply with these requirements, the LCWA reserves the right to secure the required services and charge the costs of such services back to the Contractor.

### **CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY/LICENSURE, PERMITS, AND FEES**

Any Vendor that submits an offer in response to a LCWA solicitation shall, at the time of such offer if required, hold a valid Certificate of Competency or appropriate current license issued by the State or LCWA Examining Board qualifying the Vendor to perform the work proposed. If work for other trades is required in conjunction with a solicitation, and such work will be performed by subcontractors hired by the Vendor, an applicable Certificate of Competency/license issued to the subcontractors must be submitted with the Vendor's offer. The LCWA may at its option and in its best interest, allow the Vendor to supply the subcontractors certificate/license to the LCWA during the offer evaluation period. The Contractor is responsible to ensure that all required licenses, permits, and fees (to include any inspection fees) required for a project are obtained and paid for, and shall comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations, and building or other code requirements applicable to the work contemplated in a solicitation. Damages, penalties, or fines imposed on the LCWA or the Contractor for failure to obtain required licenses, permits, inspection or other fees, or inspections will be borne by the Contractor.

### **TRUTH IN NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE**

Any organization awarded a Contract must execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that the wage rates and other factual unit costs are accurate, complete, and current, at the time of contracting for each Contract that exceeds \$195,000.00. Any Contract requiring this certificate will contain a provision that the original Contract price and any additions will be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the LCWA determines the Contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such Contract adjustments will be made within one (1) year following the end of the Contract.

### **COMPETENCY OF VENDORS AND ASSOCIATED SUBCONTRACTORS**

Proposals will be considered from firms which are regularly engaged in the business of providing or distributing the goods or services described in the solicitation, and who can produce evidence of a consistent satisfactory record of performance. The LCWA may consider any evidence available to it of the financial, technical, and other qualifications and abilities of any Vendor responding under a solicitation, including past performance with the LCWA. Vendors must have sufficient financial support

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and organization to ensure satisfactory delivery under the stated solicitation terms and conditions of any Contract awarded. In the event the Vendor intends to subcontract any part of its work or will obtain the goods specifically offered under the Contract from another source of supply, the Vendor may be required to verify the competency of its subcontractor or supplier. The LCWA reserves the right, before awarding the Contract, to require a Vendor to submit such evidence of its or its subcontractor's qualifications.

### **RESPONSIBILITY AS EMPLOYER**

The employees of the Contractor will always be considered its employees, and not an employees or agents of the LCWA. The Contractor shall provide employees capable of performing the work as required. The LCWA may require the Contractor to remove any employee it deems unacceptable. All employees of the Contractor may be required to wear appropriate identification.

### **MINIMUM WAGES**

Under the Contract, the wage rate paid to all laborers, mechanics and apprentices employed by the Contractor for the work under the Contract, must not be less than the prevailing wage rates for similar classifications of work as established by the Federal Government and enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Wages and Hours Division, and Florida's Minimum Wage requirements in Article X, Section 24 (f) of the Florida Constitution and enforced by the Florida Legislature by statute or the State Agency for Workforce Innovation by rule, whichever is higher.

### **PRICE REDETERMINATIONS**

Contractor may petition for a price redetermination with documented increases in the cost of wages, fuel, or materials within 30 calendar days of the anniversary date of the Contract. Price redeterminations will be based upon changes documented by the applicable Employment Cost Index (ECI) or Producer Price Index (PPI) as published on the [\*Bureau of Labor Statistics site here\*](#). Contractor may petition for price redetermination for Contractor's minimum wage employees should the minimum wage increase during the Contract. Upon verification, the LCWA may grant an increase matching the minimum wage increase.

### **INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **General Solicitations:**

To the extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the LCWA and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorneys' fees and costs of defense, which the LCWA or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of the Contract by the Contractor or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals or subcontractors. The Contractor shall pay all claims and losses in connection with those claims and losses, and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the LCWA, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorneys' fees which may be incurred. The Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by the Contract or otherwise provided by the Contractor will in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and hold harmless and defend the LCWA or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as provided in a solicitation or any Contract arising from a solicitation.

#### **FDOT Funded Solicitations:**

To the extent provided by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless LCWA and the State of Florida, Department of Transportation (Department), including the Department 'sofficers, agents, and employees, against any actions, claims, or damages arising out of, relating to, or resulting from negligent or wrongful act(s) of Contractor, or any of its officers, agents, or employees, acting within the scope of their office or employment, in connection with the rights granted to or exercised by Contractor. The foregoing indemnification shall not constitute a waiver of LCWA or Department's sovereign immunity beyond the limits set forth in Florida Statutes, Section 768.28. Nor shall the same be construed

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to constitute agreement by Contractor to indemnify LCWA for the negligent acts or omissions of LCWA, its officers, agents, or employees, or third parties. Nor shall the same be construed to constitute agreement by Contractor to indemnify Department for the negligent acts or omissions of Department, its officers, agents, or employees, or third parties. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

### **CCNA Solicitations:**

The Consultant will indemnify and hold harmless LCWA, its officers, employees, and agents from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of Contractor, its personnel, employees, and other person utilized by Contractor in the performance of this agreement, including defects in design, or errors or omissions that result in material cost increases to LCWA, pursuant to Section 725.08, Florida Statutes. Such indemnification will include the payment of all valid (third-party) claims, losses, and judgments in connection therewith and the payment of all related fees and costs. This indemnification obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or reduce any other rights or remedies which otherwise may be available to an indemnified party or person described in this paragraph or be deemed to affect the rights, privileges, and immunities of LCWA as set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

### **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

The LCWA, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate the Contract upon thirty (30) days' written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall not incur any additional costs under the Contract. The LCWA will be liable only for reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor prior to notice of termination. The LCWA will be the sole judge of "reasonable costs."

### **TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF CONTINUING FUNDING**

When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a current or subsequent fiscal year, the Contract will be cancelled, and the Contractor will be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred amortized in the price of the supplies or services/tasks delivered under the contract.

### **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT**

The LCWA reserves the right to terminate any Contract arising from a solicitation, in part or in whole, or affect other appropriate remedy in the event the Contractor fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the Contract. The LCWA further reserves the right to suspend or debar the Contractor in accordance with the LCWA's ordinances, resolutions and administrative orders. The Contractor will be notified by letter of the LCWA's intent to terminate and the Contractor will be given ten (10) calendar days to cure the breach. In the event of termination for default, the LCWA may procure the required goods and services from any source and use any method deemed in its best interest. All re-procurement costs will be borne by the Contractor.

### **FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION**

Any individual, corporation or other entity that attempts to meet its contractual obligations through fraud, misrepresentation or other material misstatement, may be debarred for up to five (5) years. The LCWA as a further sanction may terminate or cancel any other Contracts with such individual, corporation or entity with such Contractor held responsible for all direct or indirect costs associated with termination or cancellation, including attorneys' fees.

### **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The LCWA reserves the right to require the Contractor to submit to an audit, by any auditor of the LCWA's choosing. The Contractor shall provide access to all of its records, which relate directly or indirectly to the contract at its place of business during regular business hours. The Contractor shall retain

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all records pertaining to the contract and upon request make them available to the LCWA for three (3) complete calendar years following expiration of the contract or for such time as set forth in the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, General Records Schedule GS1-SL, a copy of which can be found at this link: [GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies \(floridados.gov\)](https://floridados.gov), whichever is longer. The Contractor agrees to provide such assistance as may be necessary to facilitate the review or audit by the LCWA to ensure compliance with applicable accounting and financial standards.

If the Contractor provides technology services, the Contractor must provide Statement of Standards for Attestations Engagements (SSAE) 16 or 18 and System and Service Organization Control (SOC) reports upon request by the LCWA. The SOC reports must be full Type II reports that include the Contractor's description of control processes, and the independent auditor's evaluation of the design and operating effectiveness of controls. The cost of the reports will be paid by the Contractor.

If an audit inspection or examination pursuant to this section discloses overpricing or overcharges of any nature by the Contractor to the LCWA in excess of one percent (1%) of the total contract billings, in addition to making adjustments for the overcharges, the reasonable actual cost of the LCWA's audit must be reimbursed to the LCWA by the Contractor. Any adjustments or payments which must be made as a result of any such audit or inspection of the Contractor's invoices or records must be made within a reasonable amount of time, but in no event may the time exceed ninety (90) calendar days, from presentation of the LCWA's audit findings to the Contractor.

This provision is hereby considered to be included within, and applicable to, any subcontractor agreement entered into by the Contractor in performance of any work under the contract.

### **PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Vendors are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of a Proposal will be available for public inspection in compliance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes (the "Public Record Act"). The Vendor should not submit any information in response to a solicitation which the Vendor considers proprietary or confidential. The submission of any information to the LCWA in connection with a solicitation will be deemed a waiver from release of the submitted information unless such information is exempt or confidential under the Public Records Act.

### **PUBLIC RECORDS LAW**

Pursuant to section 119.0701(2)(a), Florida Statutes, the LCWA is required to provide Contractor with this statement and establish the following requirements as contractual obligations pursuant to the contract:

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS SOLICITATION, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 352-343-9839, [PURCHASING@LAKECOUNTYFL.GOV](mailto:PURCHASING@LAKECOUNTYFL.GOV), BY MAIL, OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES, ATTN: RON FALANGA, P.O. BOX 7800 TAVARES, FL 32778.**

By entering into the Contract, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any records maintained, generated, received, or kept in connection with, or related to the performance of services provided under, the Contract are public records subject to the public records disclosure requirements of section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and Article I, section 24 of the Florida Constitution. Pursuant to section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, any Contractor entering into a contract for services with the County is required to:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the services and work provided pursuant to the Contract.
- B. Upon request from the LCWA's custodian of public records, provide the LCWA with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by

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- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following completion or termination of the Contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the LCWA.
- D. Upon completion or termination of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the LCWA all public records in the possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the LCWA to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the LCWA upon completion or termination of the Contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion or termination of the Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the LCWA, upon request from the LCWA's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the LCWA.

Requests to inspect or copy public records relating to the LCWA's Contract for services must be made directly to the LCWA. If Contractor receives any such request, Contractor shall instruct the requestor to contact the LCWA. If the LCWA does not possess the records requested, the LCWA shall immediately notify the Contractor of such request, and the Contractor must provide the records to the LCWA or otherwise allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time.

Contractor acknowledges that failure to provide the public records to the LCWA within a reasonable time may be subject to penalties under section 119.10, Florida Statutes. Contractor further agrees not to release any records that are statutorily confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure without first receiving prior written authorization from the LCWA. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold the LCWA harmless for and against any and all claims, damage awards, and causes of action arising from the Contractor's failure to comply with the public records disclosure requirements of section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, or by Contractor's failure to maintain public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from the public records disclosure requirements, including, but not limited to, any third party claims or awards for attorney's fees and costs arising therefrom. Contractor authorizes LCWA to seek declaratory, injunctive, or other appropriate relief against Contractor from a Circuit Court in Lake County on an expedited basis to enforce the requirements of this section.

### **COPYRIGHTS**

Any copyright derived from a Contract will belong to the author. The author and the Contractor shall expressly assign to the LCWA nonexclusive, royalty free rights to use any and all information provided by the Contractor in any deliverable or report for the LCWA's use which may include publishing in LCWA documents and distribution as the LCWA deems to be in its best interests. If anything included in any deliverable limits the rights of the LCWA to use the information, the deliverable will be considered defective and not acceptable and the Contractor will not be eligible for any compensation.

The LCWA owns and retains all proprietary rights in its logos, trademarks, trade names, and copyrighted images (Intellectual Property). As such, nothing in any solicitation permits or shall be construed as authorizing Vendor or Contractor to use or display LCWA's Intellectual Property. The LCWA has the right to redact the LCWA Logo displayed on any submission.

### **SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

LCWA expressly retains all rights, benefits and immunities of sovereign immunity in accordance with Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. Nothing will be deemed as a waiver of immunity or the limitations of liability of LCWA beyond any statutory limited waiver of immunity or limits of liability. Nothing will inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim against LCWA, which would otherwise be barred under the law.

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### **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL STANDARDS**

All items to be purchased under a Contract must be in accordance with all governmental standards to include, but not be limited to, those issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Institute of Occupational Safety Hazards (NIOSH), and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

### **E-VERIFY**

Upon award of a Contract, the Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system in accordance with the terms governing use of the system to confirm the employment eligibility of all new persons hired by the Contractor during the term of the Contract.

The Contractor shall include in all contracts with subcontractors performing work pursuant to any Contract, an express requirement that subcontractors utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system in accordance with the terms governing use of the system to confirm the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by subcontractors during the term of the subcontract.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPPA)**

The Contractor may be required to execute a Business Associate Agreement, pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-191) (codified at 42 U.S.C. Section 1320d, *et. seq.*), and regulations contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164.

If the Contractor obtains any information governed by 42 U.S.C. Section 290dd-2 and the regulations implemented by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration at 42 C.F.R. Part 2 (collectively referred to as the "SAMHSA regulations"), whether from the LCWA or another source, while providing services to the LCWA under the contract, the Contractor shall only use or disclose that information pursuant to the SAMHSA regulations.

The Contractor will also comply with any and all laws under the State of Florida governing the confidentiality of health information, including but not limited to records or other documents containing medical, mental health, or substance abuse information.

### **FORCE MAJEURE**

The parties will exercise every reasonable effort to meet respective obligations under the Contract but will not be liable for delayed performance or nonperformance resulting from a force majeure. A party that becomes aware of a force majeure that will significantly delay performance will notify the other party promptly, within 15 calendar days, after it discovers the force majeure. If a force majeure occurs, the parties may execute a contract modification or change order to extend the performance schedule or make accommodations that are reasonable under the circumstances.

### **NO CLAIM FOR DAMAGES**

No claim for damages or any claim other than for an extension of time may be made or asserted against the LCWA because of any delays. No interruption, interference, inefficiency, suspension, or delay in the commencement or progress of the work will relieve the Contractor of duty to perform or give rise to any right to damages or additional compensation from the LCWA. The Contractor's sole remedy will be the right to seek an extension to the Contract time. However, this provision will not preclude recovery of damages by the Contractor for hindrances or delays due solely to fraud, bad faith, or active interference on the part of the LCWA.

### **CERTIFICATION REGARDING SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES**

The Contractor hereby certifies that, pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, it is not listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel and is not participating in a boycott of Israel. The Contractor understands that pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the submission of a false certification may

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subject it to civil penalties, attorneys' fees, and costs. The Contractor further understands that any contract with the LCWA for goods or services may be terminated at the option of the LCWA if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification or has been listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel list or is participating in a boycott of Israel.

For purchases of \$1 million or more:

By submitting a response to any solicitation, the Contractor hereby certifies that, pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, it is not listed on the Scrutinized Companies with activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, is not listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel and is not participating in a boycott of Israel, and is not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. The Contractor understands that pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the submission of a false certification may subject it to civil penalties, attorneys' fees, and costs. The Contractor further understands that any contract with the LCWA for goods or services of \$1 million or more may be terminated at the option of the LCWA if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification or has been listed on the Scrutinized Companies with activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, is listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel list or is participating in a boycott of Israel, or is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

### **FOREIGN GIFTS AND CONTRACTS**

Pursuant to Section 286.101, Florida Statutes, CONTRACTOR shall disclose to the LCWA any current or prior interest of, any contract with, or any grant or gift received by a foreign country of concern if such interest, contract, or grant or gift (1) had a value of \$50,000 or more and (2) such interest existed at any time or such contract or grant or gift was received or in force at any time during the previous five (5) years. Foreign country of concern is defined in Section 286.101(1)(b), Florida Statutes, as the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under significant control of such foreign country of concern. CONTRACTOR'S disclosure must include the amount of the contract or grant or gift or the value of the interest disclosed, the applicable foreign country of concern and, if applicable, the date of termination of the contract or interest, the date of receipt of the grant of gift, and the name of the agent or controlled entity that is the source or interest holder. The LCWA may request records relevant to a reasonable suspicion that a disclosure has not been made and the CONTRACTOR shall provide the required records within thirty (30) days of the LCWA making such request, or at a later time as agreed to by the Parties.

### **ANTI-TRAFFICKING RELATED ACTIVITIES**

The U.S. Government has adopted a policy prohibiting trafficking in persons including the trafficking-related activities listed below. These prohibitions specifically apply to come federally funded contracts and prohibit contractors, contractor employees, and their agents from:

- A. Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of performance of the contract;
- B. Procuring commercial sex acts during the period of performance of the contract;
- C. Using forced labor in the performance of the contract;
- D. Destroying, concealing, confiscating, or otherwise denying access by an employee to the employee's identity or immigration documents, such as passports or drivers' licenses, regardless of issuing authority;
- E. Using misleading or fraudulent practices during the recruitment of employees;
- F. Charging employees or potential employees recruitment fees;
- G. Failing to provide return transportation or paying for the cost of return transportation upon the end of employment for certain employees;
- H. Providing or arrange housing that fails to meet the host country housing and safety standards; or

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- I. Failing to provide an employment contract, recruitment agreement, or other required work documents in writing, as required by law or contract.

### **NOTICES**

All notices given by one party to the other party under a contract must be delivered to the receiving party's address set forth on the Contract either by hand, qualified courier, or e-mail and will be deemed received the day after it is transmitted. For LCWA, it must be addressed to the Office of Procurement Services, Post Office Box 7800, 315 West Main Street, Suite 416, Tavares, Florida, 32778 or emailed to [purchasing@lakecountyfl.gov](mailto:purchasing@lakecountyfl.gov).

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